

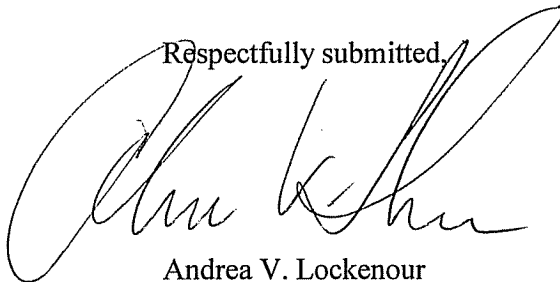
RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Upon review of the Detailed Action provided by the Examiner, the Applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I (Claims 1-27, 37, 71 and 74) drawn to therapeutic antibodies that specifically bind to OSM and antigen binding fragments thereof and pharmaceutical compositions comprising said antibodies with traverse.

Upon election of Group I the Applicants do not believe that they are required to elect a species. However, in order to be fully compliant with the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect the disease or disorder of inflammatory disease, specifically, rheumatoid arthritis, and the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NOs: 19 and 20 for prosecution. The election of species of disease or disorder reads upon elected Claims 1-27, 37, 71 and 74. The election of the polynucleotide reads upon elected Claims 1-3, 6-27, 37, 71 and 74.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for substantive examination. Should the restriction become final, the Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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